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In their ongoing search for the Flame Champion, Geddoo and his companions come to the village of bug users' community that once belonged to the Grasslands. There, Aila befriends a girl who wants to hear about the Grasslands. Meanwhile, Geddoo crosses paths with a strange cat that speaks to him ... but what the cat says Geddoo may not want to hear!



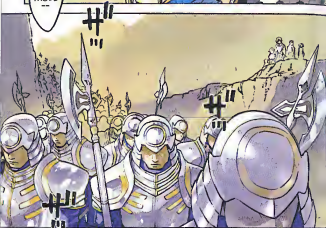
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LOOK!
AREN'T
THOSE



AND
LOOK
AT THAT!
ISN'T
THAT A
HARMONIAN
BISHOP?



...
HAR-
MONIAN
FRONTIER
TROOPS?
WHAT
ARE
THEY
DOING
HERE...?

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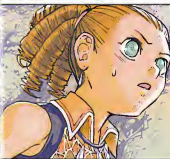
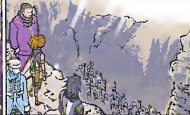
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志水アキ

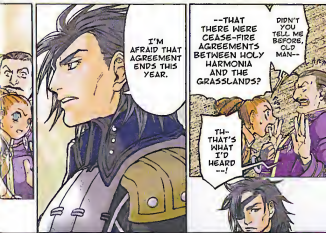
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WHY
WOULD THE
HARMONIAN
ARMY BE
HERE...??



I'M
AFRAID THAT
AGREEMENT
ENDS THIS
YEAR.

--THAT
THERE WERE
CEASE-FIRE
AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN HOLY
HARMONIA
AND THE
GRASSLANDS?

DIDN'T
YOU
TELL ME
BEFORE,
OLD
MAN--

TH-
THAT'S
WHAT
I'D
HEARD
...!

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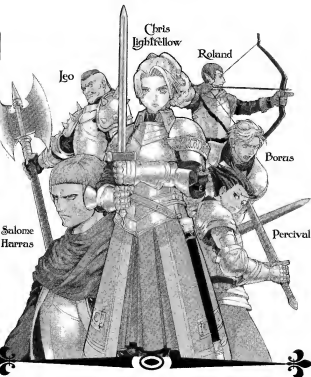
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HAMBURG // LONDON // LOS ANGELES // TOKYO

Zexen



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Characters

Grasslands



Fila

Fubar

Rago



Jimba

Ircia

Sgt. Joe

Igla

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Nash
Clovis

Geddloe

Ace


Queen

Joker

Jacques

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Characters



Story thus far...

The war between the Six Clans of the Grasslands and the Zexen Commonwealth dragged on far longer than either side expected. Tired of the seemingly pointless conflict, both parties sought a truce.

Lucia, chief of the Karaya Clan, sent her son Hugo to Vinay Del Zexay while the Zexens sent Knight Captain Chris Lightfellow (a.k.a. the Silver Maiden) to the Grasslands. Almost immediately after the truce declarations, both sides appeared to be betrayed by their former enemies. The Lizard Clan reported that their leader had been secretly murdered by the Zexens while Chris Lightfellow heard reports of the Grasslanders ambushing her forces.

Reluctantly, the Silver Maiden agreed to let her forces set fire to the Karaya village in order to create an escape route for her troops. While the Karaya village burned out of control, Hugo, Lulu (Hugo's best friend), and the Duck Clan warrior named Sgt. Joe returned and discovered Lady Chris in the midst of the chaos.

Enraged, young Lulu attacked Chris and—without thinking—the Knight Captain killed Lulu on the spot. Realizing their vulnerability, Sgt. Joe prevented Hugo from attacking Lady Chris and, in return, Chris spared both of their lives.

Hugo and Sgt. Joe eventually found the surviving members of the Karaya Clan taking refuge in the caves of the Lizard Clan. Shortly after Hugo bravely faced the awful task of telling Lulu's mother about her son's murder, he snuck away to seek his vengeance.

Aila and Jimba are two more Karaya warriors who are currently separated from their people. At the time of the attack, Aila was with Goddoo's visiting group of mercenaries (who were looking for Jimba) and they were too far from the village (and too few in numbers) to be of any help. Rather than regroup with her people, Aila decided to accompany Goddoo in order to somehow avenge the destruction of her home.



Though physically unharmed by the battle, Lady Chris found herself mentally exhausted and plagued by guilty dreams of the recent massacre. An orphan, Chris lost her father to the flames of war at a young age and she became a knight to honor his memory. Unfortunately, Chris realized that warfare was forcing her to ruin families the same way her own was wrecked...that the blood of all those she'd slain had tarnished the hands of the Silver Maiden...and that she could no longer remember her father's face.

Attempting to regain her composure, Chris joined the knight Percival for a festival in his hometown of Iksey, but the town soon came under attack by the Grasslanders. Surrounded by Grasslanders, Chris held her own in a one-on-one battle against Lucia. Before the battle could turn against her, Nash Clovis (a mysterious man who warned Chris of the impending attack) saved her by pitching both of them off a cliff and into a river.

Chris' confrontations with Grasslanders were far from over, as she and Nash ended up at a castle owned by Sir Thomas...who was playing host to Hugo! Though Hugo attacked from behind, Chris quickly got the upper hand. Chris avoided killing Hugo, but her young opponent would not stop attacking her until Sir Thomas broke up the fight.

After the battle, Chris left her fellow knights to accompany Nash Clovis on a quest to find her father. According to Nash, Wyatt Lightfellow is not only alive, he's also in possession of a True Rune that grants him incredible powers and longevity. Nash contends that Chris' father is one of the two men who were always at the side of the Flame Champion, the legendary hero who used the power of the True Fire Rune to end the war between the Grasslands and Harmonia.

Seemingly unbeknownst to any of the Zexens or Grasslanders, Chris' father Wyatt Lightfellow and Karaya warrior Jimba are one and the same!



IT'S
ENEMY
TERRITORY.



THIS
PLACE
WE'RE
GOING,
CALERIA--
IT WON'T
BE A
BARREL OF
LAUGHS
FOR YOU.



IT'S A
TOUGH
CHOICE.



WHAT'RE
YOU
GOING
TO DO,
ALA?



WILL
YOU
STAY
WITH
US--OR
HEAD
BACK
TO THE
GRASS-
LANDS
TO
WARN
THEM...?



NOT
UNTIL I'VE
AVENGED
THE FALLEN
FRIENDS
FROM MY
VILLAGE!



I'M
NOT
GOING
BACK
NOW.



I...
I'VE
MADE
UP
MY
MIND.





I'LL
JOIN
UP WITH
YOU
GUYS
LATER.

UH
HUH.

THE
12TH
UNIT,
FOR
SHORT.

THE
H-
HOLY
...
WHAT
?



CALERIA
IS WHERE
HE--"HE"
BEING THE
"HOLY
HARMONIA
SOUTHERN
DEFENSE
FORCE'S
12TH UNIT"
--ARE
BASED.

DON'T LET
THE FANCY
TITLE
FOOL YOU.
WE'RE
JUST YOUR
AVERAGE,
RUN-OF-
THE-MILL
MERCE-
NARIES.











WITHOUT
BATTING
AN EYELASH,
I KNOCKED
THE HUGE
BEAST
TO THE
GROUND...

...AND
THEN,
BEFORE
MY VERY
EYES, OUT
JUMPED A
WILD BEAR
AS BIG AS
A GIANT!!



...AND
FINISHED
HIM OFF,
SMASH-
ING HIS
CHEST
FROM
ABOVE--
LIKE
THIS!!



IF
THOSE
GUYS
RUN
INTO
THE
12TH,
WATCH
OUT!

OH
OH,
IT'S
THE
14TH
UNIT!



HEY
HEY! IF
IT ISN'T
GEDDOE!



DRINKING
THE BLUES
AWAY, AS
USUAL!



YO, GEDDOE!
LUCKY YOU!
YOU
GET TO
SEE THE
GREAT
DUKE'S
FACE
ONCE
AGAIN.



THE
BISHOP
AND AN
ARMY OF
HARMONIAN
FRONTIER
TROOPS
ARE OUT
LOOK-
ING FOR
THE FIRE
BRINGER.

BY
THE
WAY,
HAVE
YOU
HEARD
...?



THERE
WAS A
BIG DEAL
BEFORE
THEY SET
OUT.

YOU
SAW
THEM?
THEN
YOU
KNOW
ALL
ABOUT
IT.



SO
THAT'S
WHAT
THAT
ARMY
WAS
DOING
BACK
THERE
...



OUR
OBJECTIVE
IS TO GET
THE FIRE
BRINGER!



SASARAI,
THE BISHOP,
AND THAT
STRATEGIST
ALBERT
BOTH GAVE
BIG-SHOT
SPEECHES.



AND
AFTER
WE HUNT
DOWN
THOSE
THIEVING
VERMIN,
WE SHALL
BRING
PEACE
TO THEIR
LANDS!



WE PRAY
THAT THIS
BATTLE WILL
RESTORE
PEACE
TO BOTH
HARMONIA
AND THE
GRASSLANDS.





WHY ELSE
WOULD YOU
SEND THE
BISHOP OUT
TO SEARCH
FOR A BAND
OF THIEVES
FROM FIFTY
YEARS
AGO...?

BUT
THAT HUNT
FOR THE FIRE
BRINGER WAS
JUST AS AN
EXCUSE, RIGHT?
THEIR REAL
OBJECTIVE IS TO
TAKE OVER THE
GRASSLANDS.





AFRAID I
CAN'T OFFER
YOU ANY
HANDOUTS---
ALTHOUGH
I CAN JUST
IMAGINE
HOW
DESPERATE
YOU MUST
BE FEELING.



E
L
A
I
N
E
...



...TOO
BAD
THEY'RE
THE
ONLY
NICE
THINGS
ABOUT
YOU.



I
FORGOT
YOU
HAD A
COUPLE
OF "NICE
THINGS"
GOING
FOR YOU,
ELAINE...





"MASKED"
BISHOP?



IT
WAS THE
MASKED
BISHOP
WHO
SUGGEST-
ED THIS
OPERATION...



WHATEVER
THE
REASON, HIS
"FACE" HAS
SERVED HIM
WELL.

I MEAN,
HE GOT
CHOSEN SO
SUDDENLY
TO BECOME
A BISHOP.

YEAH.
LIKE HIS
NAME SAYS,
THE GUY
WEARS THIS
STRANGE
MASK. HE'S
SOME KIND
OF WEIRDO
WHO NEVER
REVEALS
HIS FACE.



YOU
GUYS
CAN
JUST
SHIT
BACK
AND
WATCH
US
FROM
THE
CHEAP
SEATS.

I GUESS
WE'LL HAVE
TO GET
OURSELVES
INVOLVED
SOMHOW
COULD BE
A WHOLE
BUNCH OF
WORK IN IT
FOR US.



OH,
AND
BY THE
WAY—
HE'S
COMING
TO
CALERIA.





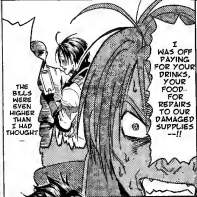




OH
GODDOR!



WE'RE
LEAVING.
THERE'S
WORK TO
DO.



THE
BILLS
WERE
EVEN
HIGHER
THAN
I HAD
THOUGHT!

I
WAS OFF
PAYING
FOR YOUR
DRINKS,
YOUR
FOOD...
FOR
REPAIRS
TO OUR
DAMAGED
SUPPLIES
--!!

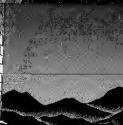


"MANTOR
TRAINER"
TOWN...?



WE'VE
GOT
TO GET
UP TO
LEBUQUE
--THE
MANTOR
TRAINER
TOWN.

COME
ON,
THERE'S
NO
TIME TO
LOSE.





...BUT
I HAVE
TO GO...

I KNOW
THIS IS A
CRUCIAL
TIME...

I'M
SORRY,
SALOME.



...ALTHOUGH
I'M NOT SURE
A COMPETENT
CAPTAIN--

--WOULD
LEAVE HER
UNIT TO GO
LOOK FOR HER
FATHER...

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT, LADY
CHRIS.



IF I
HAVEN'T
RETURNED
AFTER A
MONTH...

...I
WANT
YOU TO
TAKE MY
PLACE.



SALOME...



YES, I DO.
I BELIEVE
WE CAN
TRUST
HIM COM-
PLETELY.



DO YOU
THINK WE
CAN TRUST
LADY CHRIS
WITH THAT
CASANOVA?



BESIDES,
BORUS--
IF THERE
WERE ANY
PROBLEMS
--THIS IS
LADY CHRIS
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!



NOW
COME
ON! WE
CAN'T
JUST
STAND
AROUND.



HARMONIA
HAS JUMPED
INTO THE
FIGHT
BETWEEN THE
GRASSLANDS
AND ZEXEN.



SO,
WITH
LADY
CHRIS
GONE,
YOU'VE
ALL GOT
A LOT TO
DO!



THE
COUNCIL
ALREADY
KNOWS
THIS.



SIR
SALOME,
YOU
DON'T
MEAN...?



THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT I
MEAN.

THAT
WE GET
STUCK
WITH
THE
DIRTY
WORK...?







AS
SHE WAS
NEITHER
GRASSLANDER
NOR ZEXEN,
SHE HOUND
UP GETTING
KILLED.



MY
MOTHER
CAME
FROM AN
"UNIM-
PORTANT"
LITTLE
COUN-
TRY...

IT WAS
A LONG,
LONG TIME
AGO, BUT I
REMEMBER IT
CLEARLY.



TAKE
THIS TO
MAULO
IN VINAY
DEL
ZEXAY.
HE'LL
TAKE
YOU
IN--YOU
ARE HIS
CHILD.

YOUR
FATHER
GAVE IT
TO ME!

THOMAS...
TAKE
THIS...



MOM!
DON'T
DIE!

MOM!
MOM!
MOM!!





MY...MY
FATHER?



...WHY DO
PEOPLE
HAVE TO
HATE EACH
OTHER
SIMPLY
BECAUSE
OF WHERE
THEY
WERE
BORN?

AND
THEN, I
THOUGHT
...



I'M
SORRY TO
HAVE KEPT
IT FROM
YOU,
THOMAS...



ISN'T
THERE
SOME WAY
FOR US
ALL TO
JUST GET
ALONG...?



A LOT HAS
HAPPENED
SINCE--AND
THEN, WHEN
I BECAME
THE LORD OF
THIS CASTLE,
I HAD A
GREAT IDEA!



--WHY
NOT
MAKE
THIS
CASTLE
A FREE
MARKET-
PLACE?

I
THOUGHT
--



AND
SURE, IT
WOULD
DO WELL
FOR US
FINAN-
CIALLY...

ANYONE
WHO
COULD PAY
SOME RENT
HERE EACH
MONTH
COULD
OPEN A
STORE.



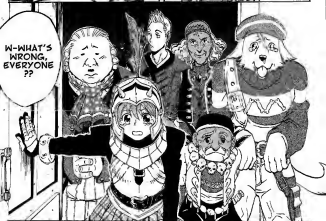


BUT,
ALSO
PEOPLE
FROM
ANY-
WHERE
COULD
COME
HERE--

==
REGARD-
LESS
OF
THEIR
PLACE
OF
BIRTH!

ON
THE
OTHER
HAND,
NO
ONE'S
OPENED
A STORE
HERE,
YET...

WOULDN'T
THAT BE
GREAT...?







THAT'S
THE
NATURE
OF
WAR.

THE
ONLY WAY
TO SAVE
YOUR
COMPANIONS
IS FOR YOU
TO WIN
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.



EVEN IF
YOU HAD
DEFEATED
ME—OTHER
KNIGHTS
WOULD
COME AFTER
ME. AND
MORE
OF YOUR
COMPANIONS
WOULD
DIE.



... SIMPLY
BECAUSE
OF WHERE
THEY WERE
BORN....?



WAR...



AH--/
LET'S SEE
IF THAT
GUY OVER
THERE
KNOWS
THE WAY.



LOOK,
I'M
NOT
TIRED
AT
ALL!

IT'S
JUST
A BIT
FARTHER,
CAESAR.



APPLE...

COME
ON, CAN'T
HE REST
FOR A
SECOND?



EXCUSE
ME...





OH,
IT'S
RIGHT
OVER
HERE...



WHICH
WAY'S
THE
BUDENHUC
CASTLE?





X
Month,
Day Y

Today
two more
guests
arrived.



THE
RUMORS
WERE TRUE--
YOU REALLY
DO HAVE SUCH
A GREAT
COLLECTION
OF BOOKS
HERE!



--and
her
pupil
Caesar,
a man
about
my age.



AT
FIRST I
THOUGHT
THEY
HAD
COME TO
SET UP
SHOP...

They
are a
historian
named
Apple--

I HAD
SUCH
LITTLE
DATA
ON THE
GRASS-
LANDS.
IT WAS
AWFUL...



HOW,
BEING
ABLE
TO JUST
TALK
FREELY
WITH
EIKO...
SHE'S
GREAT!

MATHU
SILVERBERG'S
EVIDENCE
ALWAYS
LEADS US
TO THE
GRASSLANDS...

YES



DID
YOU
SAY
SOME-
THING?

GETTING
ANGRY
LIKE THAT
WILL JUST
GIVE YOU
MORE
WRINKLES,
APPLE...

I LET
YOU
COME
WITH ME
BECAUSE
YOU
PROMISED
YOU'D
STUDY
YOUR
GRASS-
LANDS
HISTORY,
RIGHT?

C A E S A R !

COME
ON,
MAKE A
LITTLE
EFFORT!

OW
--!



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM--THE FLAME CHAMPION?

HOW ABOUT HUGOP WITH SKIN LIKE THAT-- YOU MUST BE A GRASS-LANDER, RIGHT?

ALL THIS DATA ON THE GRASS-LANDS-- IT'S ALL JUST ABOUT THE FLAME CHAMPION.

MUM? I ONLY KNOW HE'S SOME KIND OF HERO WHO SAVED THE GRASS-LANDS A LONG TIME AGO.

HE'S STILL WORSHIPPED BY THE OLD PEOPLE OF MY VILLAGE-- EVEN TODAY.

IN FACT, THEY'RE REALLY MORE OCCULT BOOKS THAN ACTUAL HISTORIES.



YOU WANNA SEE, TOO, HUGOP?



HEY, LOOK AT THIS-- IT'S THE FLAME CHAMPION AND THE FIRE BRINGER.



OH!



WHY ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THE FLAME CHAMPION?



BUT THAT
PERSON
BEHIND
THE PLANE
CHAMPION.
HE'S...



Black's Victory
The afternoon of the last...
...the...
...the...
...the...



HMMN...
HE'S
MUCH
YOUNGER
THAN I
WOULD'VE
THOUGHT.



NO...
THERE'S
NO WAY,
RIGHT?



HARMONIA RAISED AN ARMY TO CAPTURE THE ELUSIVE FIRE BRINGER, WHO KEPT ATTACKING THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THE TERRITORY, SEEMINGLY AT RANDOM.



ACCORDING TO THE HISTORY BOOKS, THE FLAME CHAMPION APPEARED IN YEAR 407 OF THE SUN CALENDAR. HE GOT HOLD OF THE TRUE FIRE RUNE AND LED THE FIRE BRINGER TO INVAD THE HARMONIAN TERRITORIES.

THOSE TOWNS THAT HAD HELPED THE REBEL TROOPS WERE BURNED TO THE GROUND AND THEIR PEOPLE WERE MADE INTO SLAVES.



IN THE YEAR 417 OF THE SUN CALENDAR, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIVES OF 5,000 ABDUCTED GRASSLANDERS, THE GREAT HARMONIAN ARMY CAPTURED THE FLAME CHAMPION.

CRYING FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THE GRASSLANDS, THE FLAME CHAMPION ONCE AGAIN CHALLENGED THE HARMONIAN ARMIES, BUT...



AND THEN, MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS AGO...THE YEAR 421 OF THE SUN CALENDAR--THE FLAME CHAMPION, WITH THE HELP OF THE FIRE BRINGER--ESCAPED HARMONIA WITH THE TRUE FIRE RUNE.





...THERE WAS A HUGE, MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLE.

BECAUSE OF THE INCREDIBLE FLAMES-- WHICH SCORCHED THE EARTH AND MADE THE NIGHT VANISH FOR TEN DAYS--

--THE HARMONIAN ARMY WAS COMPLETELY WIPED OUT. HOWEVER, THERE WERE MANY CASUALTIES ON THE GRASSLANDERS' SIDE, TOO.



ONE ACCOUNT SAID THAT THE FLAME CHAMPION SUMMONED IT, BUT...THE TRUTH IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.



WHAT COULD THAT BIG EXPLOSION HAVE BEEN?



AND SO, EVEN WITHOUT A CLEAR VICTOR, IN THE YEAR 425 OF THE SAN CALENDAR, HARMONIA AND THE GRASSLANDS ENTERED INTO A FIFTY-YEAR TRUCE, AND THE FLAME CHAMPION AND THE FIRE BRINGER VANISHED FROM HISTORY.



THAT'S
AN INDIS-
PUTABLE
FACT.

BUT...
HE FOUGHT
FOR THE
SAKE OF THE
GRASSLANDS.
THANKS TO
HIM, THERE
IS A
GRASSLANDS.





A LIFE WITHOUT AGING... THAT MEANS THAT THE FLAME CHAMPION, WITH HIS TRUE FIRE RUNE, COULD STILL BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE...

COME TO THINK OF IT, YESTERDAY...

THEY PROTECT THEIR OWNERS FROM EVER GROWING OLD.

THERE'S ANOTHER SECRET TO THE TRUE RUNES.

HM... THE FLAME CHAMPION. EH...?





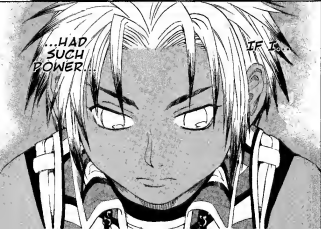
A
STRONG
POWER...

A
POWER
THAT
CANNOT
BE
BEATEN
BY
ANYONE...



...THE TRUE
FIRE RUNE...

...THE HERO
OF THE
GRASSLANDS...



...HAD
SUCH
POWER...

IF I...





S-SIR
THOMAS,
WE'RE
IN
TROUBLE
!!

AUGH!

OUCH!



THEY'VE
COME TO
CAPTURE
MASTER
HUGO!

A-A
PRIVATE
ARMY
FROM THE
COUNCIL
IS AT
OUR
DOOR!!



WHAT'S
GOING
ON
DOWN
THERE?

OH!
MISS
APPLES!
MR.
CASSARI!



WHAT
??



THE PEOPLE IN
IKSAY TOLD US
YOU'RE HARBORING
THIS YOUNG MAN
AT THE CASTLE.
DON'T TRY
PRETENDING.
YOU'VE GOT TO
GIVE HIM UP.

DON'T
MAKE
ME
TELL
YOU
AGAIN.



TH-THE
CASTLE
LORD IS
ON HIS
WAY NOW!

ANYONE
CAUGHT
HIDING HIM
WILL BE
CHARGED
AS AN
ACCOM-
PLICE.

A-AND
I KEEP
TELL-
ING YOU,
I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
SEEN
THAT
WANTED
NOTICE!





N-NO WAY, SEBASTIAN!

ISN'T HUGO OUR GUEST HERE?

S-SIR THOMAS, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. STANDING HERE LIKE THIS!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE UP MASTER HUGO!



I...I'M GOING TO TURN MYSELF IN.

I CAN'T CAUSE YOU ANY MORE TROUBLE.

THOMAS.



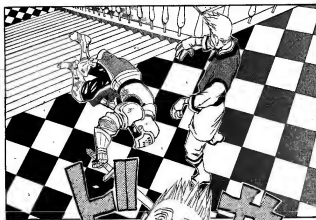
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT.

HUGO --!













WITH
IDIOTS
LIKE
YOU ON
GUARD,
ANYONE
COULD
SLIP
PAST!



THERE'S
NO SIGN
OF HIM
ANY-
WHERE
...?

WE'VE
LOOKED
EVERY-
WHERE!

NO, SIR...
AND NO
ONE'S
GONE
THROUGH
THESE
GATES.



にや



BE MY
GUEST.



にや

LIKE TO
SEARCH
AGAIN,
SIR...?



Y-
YES,
SIR!

LOOK
SHARP!
WE'RE
LEAV-
ING!





HUGO...

...WILL
HE BE
ALL
RIGHT...?



IN THE
END, HE
SURE
LOOKED
PRETTY
STUPID.

YEAH.
WHAT A
LAUGH!

HYSTERICAL.

UNRA,
THAT
STUPID
OLD
WEASEL.

USING
US TO
MAKE
HIM A
BIG MAN
WITH THE
COUNCIL.
—!





HARMONIA HAS
INVADIED THE
GRASSLANDS.

DID
YOU
HEAR
THE
NEWS...?

NO.
WHAT?



SO,
THE NEXT
ONES IN
DANGER...
WOULD
BE THE
CHISHA
CLAN, EHP?

THE
SAFIR
CLAN
OF THE
GRASS-
LANDS
WAS
ALL BUT
WIPE
OUT.

YOU
SERIOUS
P

UH HUH!
I HEARD
THE
COUNCILMEN
DISCUSSING
IT.



IF
THEY
KEEP
GOING
LIKE
THIS, OUR
ZEXEN
LANDS
WILL BE
AT RISK.



MAN,
THAT'S
DIRTY--
WAGING
FULL-SCALE
WAR RIGHT
AT THE
END OF A
TRUCE!



...THAT
CONVER-
SATION
BACK
THERE...



CLUMSY...
SMELLY
JUNK?

WHY
DO
THE
IRON
HEADS
HEAR
THIS...

HMPH
...BIG

M
M
P
H



BUT...
IF I COULD
GET SOME
REINFORCE-
MENTS
THERE...



EVEN IF I
HEADED
FOR THE
CHISHA
CLAN, I
MIGHT
NOT MAKE
IT IN
TIME...



SO,
THE NEXT
ONES IN
DANGER...
WOULD
BE THE
CHISHA
CLAN,
EHP

THE
SAFIR
CLAN
OF THE
GRASS-
LANDS
WAS
ALL BUT
WIPE
D OUT.



THERE'S
NOTHING
ONE
PERSON
CAN DO
ALONE.

THAT'S
WAR.



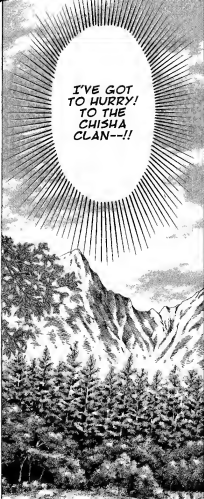
THAT'S
AN INDIS-
PUTABLE
FACT.



THE FLAME
CHAMPION
FOUGHT FOR
THE SAKE
OF THE
GRASSLANDS.
THANKS TO
HIM, THERE
IS A GRASS-
LANDS.







**I'VE GOT
TO HURRY!
TO THE
CHISHA
CLAN--!!**



**I'LL
JUST
GO BY
MYSELF.**

**I'VE
GOT TO
WARN
MY
FRIENDS**







WE FIND
A SOLDIER
WHO
DOESN'T
LOOK
TOO SWIFT,
KNOCK HIM
OUT, AND
STEAL HIS
ARMOR.

SO, IT'S
SIMPLE
--HUGO
BECOMES
A SOLDIER
AND
ESCAPES.

TO HIDE
A TREE,
YOU
STICK IT
IN THE
FOREST.





AFTER
THAT,
ALL
YOU'LL
HAVE
TO DO
IS ACT
THE
PART.

"BREAK
A LEG,"
ONLY...?



THEN
WE KEEP
HIM IN A
CLOSET
'TIL THE
COAST IS
CLEAR.



NOT AT
ALL, SIR
THOMAS!



I
KNOW
IT WAS
A LOT
TO
ASK--



...
THANKS
FOR
YOUR
HELP,
EVERY-
ONE.



...
RESCUING
MR. HUGO
WAS OUR
CHOICE,
TOO!

SIR
THOMAS'S
GUEST
IS OUR
GUEST!

AND
SO...



THANKS,
EVERYONE...



WE
MIGHT AS
WELL BE
HANGED
FOR A
SHEEP AS
A LAMB,
AS THEY
SAY...



GUESS
WE CAN
JUST
KICK
BACK AND
RELAX
NOW,
HUH?

RIGHT,
CASTLE
LORD?



NO, NO,
IT WAS
YOUR
ACT,
MARTHA.



YOU KNOW,
I WAS QUITE
SURPRISED--
I THOUGHT
MAYBE
PICCOLO
PRETENDING
TO BE SENILE
WAS THE REAL
DEAL!



I'M NOT
SO SURE
MARTHA
WAS JUST
ACTING...

HAH
HAH HA!
REALLY??
OH, YOU'RE
EMBARR-
ASSING
ME!

QUITE THE
PERFOR-
MANCE!

ALWAYS
SAYING,
"HE'S HERE!"
AND THEN
ACTING LIKE
A PUSHY
OLD WOMAN,
SHOVING
THOSE
LOTTERY
TICKETS ON
THEM...



...FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THE PERSON WHO HELPED SHAPED THE STRATEGY FOR THE ALLIED ARMIES IN THE WAR TO UNIFY DUNAN WAS NAMED APPLE.

SHE RETIRED AND BECAME AN ADVISOR FOR THE FAMOUS SILVERBERG HOUSE--WHICH HAS PRODUCED MANY STRATEGISTS.

IN FACT, THAT YOUNG MAN NAMED CAESAR CAME FROM THE SILVERBERG FAMILY...



DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE APPLE AND CAESAR WENT?

I THOUGHT THEY WERE RIGHT HERE...



COME TO THINK OF IT...



... WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE?



...THAT...

... IMPORTANT A PERSON ...?

H-HE WAS...



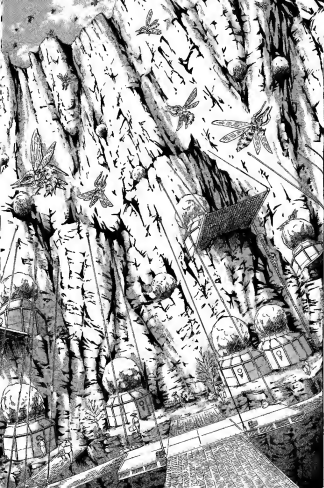


X Month
Day Y
Fine
weather

Let's hope
everything
goes without
a hitch
tomorrow!















EVERYONE
LOOKS SO
EXHAUSTED.



SOME-
THING
JUST
ISN'T
RIGHT
ABOUT
THIS
TOWN.

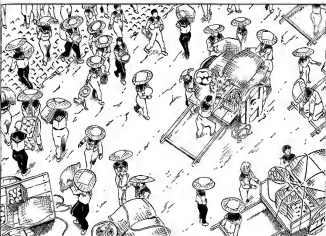


"ALLOWED
...TO
LIVE...?"



THERE'S
A GOOD
REASON
FOR
THAT.

THIS IS
A TOWN
THAT'S
BEEN
"ALLOWED
TO LIVE."





OH NO,
IT WAS
MY
FAULT.

I
WASN'T
PAYING
ATTENTION...



AH
...!

I-I'M
SO
SORRY!



YEAH.

ALMOST
ALL THE
FOOD IS
FOR THE
BUGS,
YOU
KNOW.



UM
...

...IS
THAT
ALL YOU
GET TO
EAT?







I JUST
WANT TO
HEAR ALL
OF YOUR
STORIES.

NO
PROBLEM.
IT DOESN'T
MATTER
HOW MANY
YOU ARE.



BESIDES,
THERE
ARE FIVE
OTHERS
WITH ME!

OH,
THAT'S
TOO
GEN-
EROUS!



I WANT
TO LEARN
ABOUT THE
GRASSLANDS,
WHICH USED
TO BE OUR
HOMELAND,
TOO...



I'M
SORRY
--I
HAVE
TO GO!



IS THAT
SOURTING?





F R A N Z !!



**WHAT
WAS
THAT?
I DARE
YOU TO
SAY THAT
AGAIN!!**



**YOU'RE
A LOUSY
TRAI-
TOR WHO
SOLD HIS
SOUL TO
HARMONIA
FOR MONEY.**

**I'LL
SAY
IT AS
MUCH
AS I
WANT,
FRANZ.**



**SHUT
UP,
IKU!!**



**FRANZ!
JUST
LET IT
GO!!**

**HOW
CAN YOU
SAY
THAT?!**



HOI!



YOU
GUYS
NEED
TO
WAKE
UP!!

WE'RE NOT
GRASSLANDERS
ANYMORE!
THAT FLAME
CHAMPION'S
ANCIENT
HISTORY!
HE'S NEVER
GOING TO
JUST POP UP
AND SAVE
US!!



AND
SO,
THAT'S
WHY
...!

BESIDES,
THE MASKED
BISHOP HAS
PROMISED THAT
WE PEOPLE OF
LEBUQUE COULD
BE ALLOWED
TO BECOME
SECOND-CLASS
CITIZENS!



FLAME
STOP
THIS!



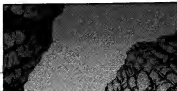
NO...

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
SHOULD
WE
BREAK IT
UP?











THE WAR
BETWEEN
HARMONIA
AND THE
GRASS-
LANDERS
STARTED IN
MY GRAND-
FATHER'S
TIME...

...AND
SINCE THEN,
LEBUQUE
HAS BEEN
UNDER
HARMONIAN
RULE.

IT'S
BEEN MORE
THAN FIFTY
YEARS SINCE
LEBUQUE
WAS A
TOWN OF
THE GRASS-
LANDS.



THIS
IS ALL
I CAN
GIVE
YOU.

HERE
YOU
GO.



BUT,
WE, THE
PEO-
PLE OF
LEBUQUE,
STILL
HAVEN'T
LOST OUR
GRASS-
LANDERS'
SPIRIT.



...OH, I
GET IT...

THEY
DIDN'T
WANT TO
PUT IKU
OUT...

HUH...?
NO ONE'S
EATEN
SINCE
THIS
MORN-
ING.

WHY
WOULD
THEY
LIE LIKE
THAT
...?

I'VE
ALWAYS
WONDERED
ABOUT THE
PEOPLE AND
THE ANIMALS
THERE.

COME
ON,
AILA--

--TELL
ME
ABOUT
THE
GRASS-
LANDS!

WHAT'S IT
REALLY
LIKE...?

...
OKAY!

I'LL
TELL
YOU.

COME
ON!



AND HE'LL
BE TAKING
COMMAND
OF THE
LEBUQUE
FORCES.



YEAH, IT
APPEARS
THAT THE
MASKED
BISHOP
REALLY IS
COMING.



THE
MANTOR
WARRIORS
ARE
STANDING
BY--READY
TO INVADE
THE CHISHA
CLIN.



OH,
GUSSEN!



IT'S...
PRETTY
STRANGE.

WHAT'D
YOU
FIND
OUT?



THE
INSECT-
HANDLER'S
ALTAR?

HE
GOING
TO PRAY
OR
SOME-
THING?



THE
MASKED
BISHOP
WILL BE
STAYING
HERE
TOMOR-
ROW.

HE'S
APPARENTLY
GOING
TO VISIT
SOMETHING
CALLED THE
"INSECT-
HANDLER'S"
ALTAR..."



NOT
THAT
YOU
GUYS
WOULD
KNOW
THIS,
BUT...



...THE
INSECT-
HANDLERS'
ALTAR...

...WAS ONCE
KNOWN AS
THE "FLAME
CHAMPION'S
ALTAR."



...KNOWS
SOMETHING
ABOUT
THE FLAME
CHAMPION?



DOES
THAT
MEAN
THAT THE
MASKED
BISHOP...





MAYBE
WE'LL
FIND SOME
ANSWERS.

FIRST THING
TOMORROW
MORNING,
WE'LL GO
CHECK IT
OUT.



ALL
RIGHT.

I'M
GOING
TO NOSE
AROUND
SOME
MORE.

YOU
TWO GO
JOIN
UP WITH
AILA.









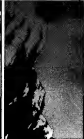






I see.

.....





I...I
JUST
CAN'T
UNDER-
STAND
IT.



WHY
WOULD
YOU
GO SO
FAR FOR
HARMONIA
?



IT
WAS FOR
LEBUQUE.

IT
WASN'T FOR
HARMONIA.



I'M
SORRY
...

...I
YELLED
AT YOU
YESTER-
DAY.







He
got it
already, huh?

...WHERE
THE
INSECT-
HANDLERS'
ALTAR IS.

THIS
IS MT.
SENAI
...



THAT'S
SOME-
THING
WE
HAVE
TO FIND
OUT.

JUST
WHAT
IS THE
MASKED
BISHOP
DOING
AT THE
INSECT-
HANDLERS'
ALTAR?





AFTER
THIS
HERO'S
ALTAR...

...WAS
LEFT
HERE--
UNDER THE
RULE OF
HARMONIA



--THE
LEBAGUE
PEOPLE
WERE AFRAID
IT WOULD BE
DESTROYED.
THEY
CHANGED
ITS NAME
TO THE
"INSECT-
HANDLER'S"
ALTAR."



THAT'S
RIGHT...



I GUESS
THEY
WANTED
TO
PROTECT
IT...





JUST
DOWN
THERE
...

...THE
PEOPLE
WHO KILLED
MY FRIENDS
AND
DESTROYED
MY
VILLAGE!



I'VE
FOUND
THEM
...



HUH?
FOUND
WHO...?





LET
GO!



HOLD
ON
THERE
!!

DON'T
JUST GO
RUNNING
OFF INTO
DANGER!



HEH



TSUK!



YO!

NICE
LITTLE
SPOT
YOU'VE
PICKED
OUT
THERE...



SORRY
TO RAIN
ON YOUR
PICNIC--
BUT
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
TURN
BACK.

DUKE --?

DON'T MESS WITH ME!!

あああああ

DUKE --?

DON'T MESS WITH ME!!

あああああ





HIS
PULSE'S
RIGHT
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF
THEM!

GET IN
THERE
AND
TEAR
THEM
TO
PIECES!



YOU'RE
AS
STUB-
BORN
AS A
MULE,
AS
USUAL.

A-ALL
RIGHT!

GO
ON
AHEAD
!



HA!

WHO I
WORK
FOR IS
NONE
OF
YOUR
BUSI-
NESS!



SO--
YOU'RE
WORKING
FOR THE
MASKED
BISHOP?



THAT'S
OUR
TEAM'S
MOTTO.

"NEVER
QUESTION
THE
PAYMASTER."



WELL,
THAT'S
A DAMN
SHAME!



NO
TIME
FOR
MOTTOS.
WE'RE IN
A HURRY.

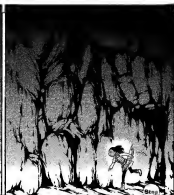
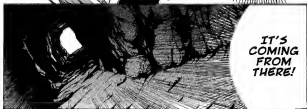


WHAT
THE
HELL...

...GO-ZO...

...
ARE
YOU
...











I...
CAN'T...
BREATHE...!



INDEED,
LITTLE
GIRL!
YOU
HAVE
JUST
TAKEN
YOUR
LAST



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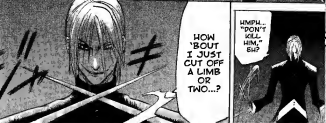
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B
R
E
A
T
H
!





PITY!
RIGHT
AT THE
BEST
PART!

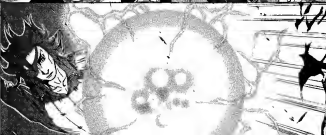




HOW
'BOUT
I JUST
CUT OFF
A LIMB
OR TWO...?

WMPH..
"DON'T
KILL
HIM,"
EH?









BASTARD

HOW
COULD A MERE
HUMAN
LIKE
YOU DO
THIS...?



HOLD
ON,
SARAH



IT'S
NO USE
RIGHT
NOW...
LET'S
RETREAT
FOR A
WHILE.



SINCE WHEN
DID THE
LIKES OF THE
SOUTHERN
DEFENSE
FORCE DRAW
THEIR SWORDS
AGAINST
THE MASKED
BISHOP?

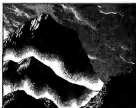
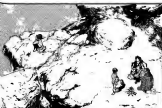
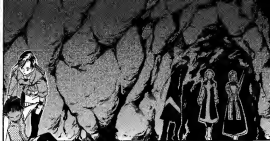


WE HAVE
A BATTLE
COMING
UP, SO
WE'LL
LEAVE THIS
OFF THE
RECORD...



--CAPTAIN
GEDDOE
OF THE
SOUTHERN
DEFENSE
FORCE'S
12TH UNIT.

...BUT
AFTER THE
BATTLE,
YOU WILL
GO BACK
TO YOUR
BASE IN
GALERIA
AND AWAIT
YOUR
PUNISH-
MENT--





...WHEN
IS SHE
GOING TO
BOUNCE
BACK...?

THAT
AHA...



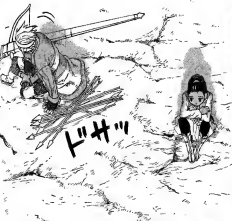
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...FAMED
AS A
KARAYA
WARRIOR.

I'VE...



I WAS SO
GOOD AT
HUNTING
AND
FIGHTING.







.....

GETSOS?
HE
COULDN'T
BE.



...THEY
SAY HE'S
ONE OF
THE FIRE
BRINGERS.

IF
THAT
WAS
TRUE,
THEN
OUR
CAPTAIN
WOULD
BE---

WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING
IS JUST
CRAZY!



STOP!

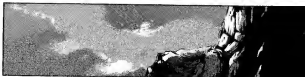


HE--I
MEAN, I
SEE WHAT
YOU'RE
GETTING
AT, JOKER,
BUT, HE...



...MAYBE
HE
SHOULD.

...AHHH
JEEZ--
MAYBE WE
SHOULD
JUST ASK
THE MAN...!



YES.
AND THEY
DO SEEM TO
BE MOVING
ABOUT
MUCH MORE
FREELY
THAN
SOMEONE
UNDER
HARMONIAN
ORDERS.



IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.
I
UNDER-
STAND.



--AND
HIS COMPANIONS
--QUITE
A SUSPICIOUS
LOT,
AREN'T
THEY?

THAT
MAN
WITH
THE
MASK
--



SORRY
TO CALL
YOU OUT
HERE
LIKE
THIS,
GEDDOS.



THEY
MUST BE
LOOKING
FOR US...



...THIS
TIME,
WE
WON'T
HAVE
TO
FIGHT
WITH...
HIM.

IT
CERTAINLY
LOOKS LIKE
IT'S TIME TO
BREAK THE
SEALS OF
OUR RUNES.

HARMONIA'S
ON THE
MOVE, TOO
—NOW THAT
THE FIFTY
YEARS'
TRUCE HAS
ENDED.



YOU
STILL
CAN'T
FORGIVE
HIM, CAN
YOU,
GEPPO?



...AND
KEPT HIS
POWER TO
HIMSELF—
ABANDONING
THOSE
HE SHOULD
HAVE
PROTECTED.

--FAILING
TO
FULFILL
THE
DESTINY
OF THE
BEARERS
OF THE
FIVE TRUE
RUNES--

HE RAN
FROM
BATTLE
WITH
HIS TAIL
BETWEEN
HIS
LEGS--

WHAT
DOES IT
MATTER
NOW
...?



I'M
NOT
LIKE
HIM!

I'LL
KEEP ON
FIGHTING,
EVEN IF
I'M THE
VERY
LAST
ONE!



HE STILL
PRETENDS
HE DOESN'T
HATE HIM.
DEEP DOWN
HAPPY...?



I'LL
RESIGN
AS THE
12TH
UNIT'S
CAPTAIN.



WHAT'LL
BECOME
OF YOUR
GROUP?



I'LL
JUST
GO
ON BY
MY-
SELF...

...IT
WON'T
TAKE
LONG
BEFORE
THEY
FIGURE
OUT MY
TRUE
IDENTITY.

NOW
THAT I'VE
SHOWN MY
TEAM MY
"POWER..."





--I'M
NOT
GOING
HOME
YET!

IT'S
NO
USE
--



AILA
?!



WHY,
IF IT
ISN'T
AILA!

JIMBA!



YOU'VE
UNDER-
ESTIMATED
US, BOSS!



BOSS!



THEN WHAT'S
ALL THIS
ABOUT YOU
BREAKING
OFF FROM
THE TEAM---?!

HAVEN'T
WE GONE
THROUGH
HELL JUST
TO FOLLOW
YOU...?



EVERYONE
HAS
SOMETHING
BACK
THERE
THEY
DON'T
TALK
ABOUT.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!



HE'S
RIGHT,
GEDDOE!

YOUR
PAST
IS NO
CONCERN
OF OURS!



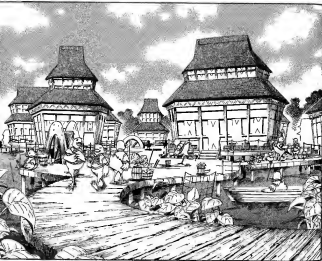
ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
JACQUES
?!



OKAY,
OKAY...
I GUESS
YOU'RE
RIGHT.











THE
CHISMA
CLANT'S IN
TERRIBLE
TROUBLE!

THERE'S
NO TIME
FOR THIS
CHIT-
CHAT!

HEY,
WAIT A
MINUTE!
NOOO!!!



WHAT'S
THAT?



DUCK
KILLER
IS
HERE
--!!

A
D-
D--





KNOCK
IT OFF,
HALLEC!

LOOK,
MUA!!
WE GOT
A BIG
CATCH
TODAY!





WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
TO
THESE
DUCKS?!



SORRY—
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
THEY
WERE
YOURS.





HEY, KID--WE
AREN'T
BAD
GUYS.

NO,
HEY--
HANG
ON A
SEC!



HE'S HALLEC
...

...AND
I'M MUA.



WE'RE
BOTH
AFTER THE
FLAME
CHAMPION
FOR THE
SAME
REASONS.

OH--!





LEADING HIS FIRE BRINGER, HE SAVED THE REMOTE GRASSY PLAINS.

WHEN THE FLAME CHAMPION APPEARED, HE BROUGHT CHAOS WITH HIS FLAMES.



WE ARE FREE KNIGHTS FROM KAMARO-- WHICH HAS TERRITORIES HERE IN THE GRASSLANDS. WE KNIGHTS HAVE ALL HEARD THE SAGA.



ONCE THE THREAT HAD VANISHED, THE PLAINS ENJOYED A FIFTY YEAR PEACE-- THANKS TO THEIR HERO.

HE CREATED A FIERY INFERNO THAT SWEEPED POWERFULLY OVER THE PLAINS FOR TEN DAYS AND COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED THE ENEMY ARMIES.



...WE WANTED TO ASK THIS SHITONG (GOBBLE!) HERO TO PLEASE COME SHAVE OUR (GULP!) VILLAGE.

AND SHO ...



WHOA ...

AND I
WANTED
TO
CONFIRM
THAT WITH
MY OWN
EYES.

WE'VE
HEARD
THAT THE
FLAME
CHAMPION
HAS BEEN
RESUR-
RECTED.



AAAAAAAAAAAAUUUGH!!

WHAT
IS IT?
WHAT
IS IT?

I forgot!!

THE FLAME
CHAMPION'S
COME
BACK?
WHERE IS
HE?!

SOME
SAY
HE'S
WITH
THE
CHISHA
CLAN.

ALTHOUGH
I'VE HEARD
NO RUMORS
ABOUT THE
FIRE BRINGER
REAPPEARING
...







TO THE
CHISHA
CLAN!

FEEL
FREE TO
ASK US
ANYTHING!



THE FLAME
CHAMPION,
EH...?



IF I
DO MEET
UP WITH
HIM....JUST
WHAT....AM
I GOING
TO DO?









**SAFIR
HAS
FALLEN!**

**NOW
IS THE
TIME FOR
US TO
SHOW
THE
POWER
OF THE
GRASS-
LANDS!**



**THEY'LL
BE
GOING
AFTER
CHISHA!**



**NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES, WE
CANNOT
ALLOW THE
HARMONIA
ARMY TO
ADVANCE
ANY
FURTHER!**



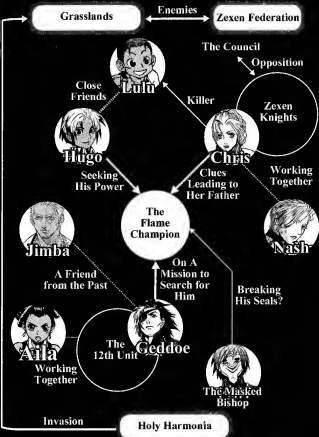


TO
CHISHA!



The Wind summoned
the Flames...

Main Characters



So, this is the third volume.

I'm so terribly sorry that this time the release date was pushed back a bit.

(Hee hee hee...)

Well, I'd really like to thank those of you who sent in your impressions and fan letters! I've read them all carefully. Even though there won't be a survey included from the third volume on, if I get could get your impressions and desires, I'd continue to use your recommendations and we could work together on this.

Oh, yeah, I'm often asked by the readers who my favorite character is, but that tends to affix this prejudice of "the author's favorite character," so for the time being, that's my secret. There's not one character I hate, though.

Well, then, we'll meet again in the fourth issue. Next time, "that girl," and co. are planned to be in it.





Suikoden

幻想水滸伝

Chris Lightfellow and Nash Clovis' quest to find Chris' father leads them to a village where mediums live to serve spirits...but when you live this close to the Next World, death is never far away!

Meanwhile, more forces on both sides line up for the impending war between Harmonia and the Grasslands. After such severe losses to the Zexens, will the Grasslands really be able to put up a fight? With the power of a True Rune they could...but even if they had one, could they find anyone with the will to wield it?